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Re: HB 910 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE HISTORY OF THE WORKER IN THE
PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

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Honorable Senator Winfield, Honorable Representative Tercyak, and esteemed members of the
Labor Committee:

The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut ("FFC") submits this testimony in support of
HB 910 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE HISTORY OF THE WORKER IN THE PUBLIC
SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut is an industry-sponsored organization. Our
mission is to promote compliance with laws and regulations relating to public works
construction. Specifically, we focus on issues concerning wages, classification of workers and
apprenticeship standards.

The history of the United States has been shaped by oppression and those seeking to overcome
that oppression. This basic idea is demonstrated by the Revolutionary War, in which our
forefathers sought to throw off the yolk of tyranny from Great Britain. As we progressed as a
nation, we witnessed many wars for expansion of our Manifest Destiny through conflict with
both tribal and foreign nations. Once the United States established itself, our history became
wrought with struggles surrounding slavery, the rights of women, civil rights in post-bellum
America, and policies related to immigration and labor to name a few. As such, encouraging
local and regional boards of education to include labor history and law in their curriculum
makes sense, since the labor movement and its history is integral to the society that we live in
today. In addition, including the history and economics of free market capitalism and
entrepreneurialism can only serve to accompany and explain the symbiotic relationship
between the labor movement and the growth of capitalism; you cannot discuss one without the
other. Therefore, the FFC encourages the committee to support this bill with the addition of the
history of capitalism.